

crippled to the point of inaction. Our enemies perceived us as weak, soft, unwilling or unable to respond. It is obviously an understatement to say they miscalculated.

In a tribute to the excellence of our armed forces and to the leadership of President Bush, we succeeded in swiftly toppling the Taliban, thereby liberating the people of Afghanistan. In this volatile region of the world, America's national security is directly at stake, for when regimes that tolerate terror and disrespect human life are left to their own devices, they export hatred and murder.

On the home front we moved swiftly to protect against future attacks. Congress gave law enforcement new tools, restructured the beleaguered INS, and most recently took steps to establish a Department of Homeland Security.

Recently, I traveled to New York City for a Commemorative Joint Meeting of the U.S. Congress, which was held at Federal Hall, just blocks from where the twin towers once stood. Federal Hall also served as the site of George Washington's swearing in, the location where the Bill of Rights was drafted and the setting of the first meeting of the United States Congress. In an era when historical significance is often missed and sentimentality is at times scoffed at, the symbolism of this meeting must not be overlooked.

Democracy is alive and flourishing and despite the best efforts of those who would seek to destroy us, we remain the 'shining city on a hill' envisioned by our Founders—as can be attested to by the resilience, courage and selfless sacrifice, which has characterized our national response.

On the anniversary of this day, which has been eternally seared in to our national conscience, our thoughts and prayers go out to those Americans whose lives have been forever changed by the loss of a loved one.

Winston Churchill once said, "The price of greatness is responsibility." This September as we mourn the loss and commemorate the lives of our fallen countrymen, we must not forget the raw emotions that marked that day, for they underscore our responsibility and will give us the impetus to continue in the unfinished task before us.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET
CAMPBELL

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Margaret Campbell of Horrell Hill, South Carolina, and a resident of the Sixth Congressional District, who is being honored with the 2002 Andrus Community Service Award by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Mrs. Campbell is one of only 53 award recipients nationwide selected for embodying AARP's slogan To Serve, and Not Be Served.

This lively 76-year-old serves as the South Carolina AARP Associate State Coordinator for Community Operations, but her dedication goes far beyond the parameters of her job title. Mrs. Campbell has volunteered for AARP

for more than a decade and travels across the state organizing chapters and exhibits. She presents programs on a variety of issues that affect older Americans, and is constantly gathering information to improve her expertise in all these areas.

Her introduction to volunteering came while her husband was a patient at the Dom Veteran Administration Hospital in Columbia. Mrs. Campbell spent many hours assisting other patients there while her husband underwent dialysis. Her love of helping others blossomed into volunteer relationships with the National Federation of the Blind, local nursing homes and churches. When Mrs. Campbell has not committed her time to one of her many favorite causes, she can be found taking friends and neighbors to the doctor or shopping, sitting with shut-ins or visiting a friend in the hospital.

Her devotion to those in need should be an inspiration to us all. "They think I have helped them, but they have it wrong, they have helped me much, much more."

Before volunteering became her calling, Mrs. Campbell served 27 years as a Dietitian Assistant at Lower Richland High School and the Midlands Center. Now widowed, she was the devoted wife of Thomas Campbell for 48 years and the mother of two. She is a member of Mt. Elon Baptist Church in Horrell Hill.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Margaret Campbell for her selfless dedication to senior citizens across South Carolina. I commend her on receiving the Andrus Community Service Award, and wish her good luck and God-speed.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARNIE AND
SHARON HYMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two wonderful people who have dedicated their lives to making the Bronx and New York City a better place. In fact, Arnie and Sharon Hyman have more than 70 years of combined community service. Over the years I have worked with both Arnie and Sharon in many community and political efforts. They are now retiring, but I am sure will continue to be an important part of our community.

Born on the 4th of July of 1947, Sharon Lynn Blank Hyman is a true American public servant. She attended Hunter College during her undergraduate years and obtained her Masters in Library Science at Columbia University. She began her career as a children's librarian in 1969 at the Westchester Square Branch Library, the place where she met her husband. While working at the New York City Board of Education, Sharon devoted much of her love and care to her three children. She worked for more than a dozen years as a substitute teacher and then as a school librarian at Middle School 206B. These many years of dedication and passion for her work have made Sharon Hyman a loved and admired citizen of the Bronx.

Arnold Shalom Hyman, a Bronx native himself, also made significant contributions that won him the affection of the Bronx community. He received his Associates Degree in Business Retailing from the Bronx Community College, his Bachelor's Degree from Long Island University, and his Master's Degree in Library Science from Queen's College. After 38 years of experience at the New York Public Library, Arnie became the regional branch librarian at the Kingsbridge Library Center. He has also led the longest running community book discussion group in the Bronx. His service also extends to his participation in the Pelham Reform Democratic Club and the community board meetings of Riverdale. Additionally, Arnie served as President of the Community Center of Israel and as an active member of the New York Library Association.

This couple exemplifies the integrity of the American family. They have three children Amy, Elena and Stefan. I would like to join them and all their relatives and friends in congratulating them and wishing them well in their retirement.

LATINO COMMUNITY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions made by the Latino community to our nation. As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, it is fitting that we pay tribute to America's diversity and celebrate the role that immigrant communities played in the history of our nation.

Millions of Hispanic men and women have come to the United States from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and other Caribbean regions, Central America, South America and Spain, in search of freedom and the opportunity for a more prosperous future. They brought with them a commitment to family, a strong work ethic and a firm belief in the American Dream.

Hispanic culture continues to shape the American experience. During this month, let us recognize the important contributions Hispanics have made socially, economically and politically, including the vibrant Hispanic American spirit that has influenced our nation's art, music and cuisine. One of the most significant contributions made by Latinos is to our national defense. Hispanics fought for the United States in every war and approximately 80,000 men and women are currently on active duty.

Latinos are also the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population, currently representing 12.5% of the total population. More than 30 million Americans claim Hispanic origin. I represent Massachusetts' 8th Congressional District, where more than 15% of my constituents are Hispanic. That number continues to grow. In a Nation that derives its strength from many cultures and races, Hispanic Americans are a thriving force in our society and a vital part of our economy.

This month and always, let us celebrate the talents, culture and spirit Hispanic Americans have brought and continue to share with this great nation.